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## Around D-M No Santas to Saudi

Saudi Arabian custom officials are confiscating any Santa Claus-related items mailed to that Area of Responsibility including wrapping paper. Items are not being returned, according to Air Combat Command officials.

## UPS shipping

The skills center's United Postal Service mailbox is open five days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Items that arrive at the UPS mailbox by 3 p.m. during the weekdays go out the same day. Parcels should be cardboard containers with no paper or string. Boxes and packing materials can be purchased separately. The skills center is located in Building 4531.

## Angel Tree

The Angel Tree program is underway. Patrons who would like to participate can take a card from the tree at the base exchange and buy a gift, then leave the wrapped gift under the tree with an angel card affixed. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Richard Schultz at 8-5744.

**Days since  
last D-M DUI:**

**30** 

**Need a ride? Call Airmen  
Against Drunk Driving  
at 850-2233.**

(Current as of Thursday)



Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes

## Being all 'we can be'

*Spc. Guy Fairbairn, prepares to replace a UH-60 Blackhawk engine. Fairbairn is an Army helicopter crew chief from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He and the rest of his crew ended up here Nov. 22 when one of their engines malfunctioned. The Army members were delighted for the assistance given by base operations, transportation and the 305th Rescue Squadron, especially during the holidays. "The members at D-M truly went above and beyond to help us out," said Army Chief Warrant Officer Beau Brumfield, pilot.*

## AAFES gives back to Davis-Monthan community

**By Angie Erickson**  
*Public affairs*

'Tis the season? Davis-Monthan Army and Air Force Exchange Service General Manager Dewey Brown says it is always the season for giving back to the military community. In fact more than 70 percent of AAFES earnings are paid to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Programs.

In the past 10 years, \$2.1 billion has been contributed by AAFES to Army and Air Force military committees to spend on quality-of-life improvements for soldiers, airmen and their families.

Those include: libraries, sports programs, swimming pools, youth activities, tickets and tour services, bowling centers, hobby shops, music programs, outdoor facilities and unit functions.

"We are committed to serving the Davis-Monthan community," Brown said. "We give DM nearly a half mil-

lion dollars each year to assist with a variety of programs that are geared toward increasing the quality of life for the DM community."

However, AAFES' generosity does not stop there.

AAFES has designed the following 10 broad-ranged coupon programs: Welcome Newcomers to the Base, Reward Re-enlistments, Recognize Excellence, Honor Retirees, Just Say Thank You, Recognize America's Peacekeepers, Reward Academic Excellence Among Military Family Members, Recognize Delayed Entry Program Men and Women, Support the National Guard and Recognize Military Training Graduates.

Every two weeks, Brown gets the opportunity to hand out the welcome coupons at the Newcomer's Right Start brief. "These coupon books are designed to raise morale and let customers know we care," he said.

He also assists the 355th Services Squadron with its Commercial

Sponsorship Program. "General managers are allowed to release up to \$2,000 per year to help enhance services' events." Such funds have gone to sponsor a little league team, provide door prizes at a variety of events, and especially help aid functions at the Youth Center.

"We are happy to give to the community in which we serve," he said. Having grown up in a military family, Brown said he is proud to pledge courteous and efficient service to all military members and their families. "Not only do we want to provide the best goods and services, but also we have the best price guarantee. If you find any item we sell at a lower price somewhere else, show us the ad and we'll match it. Even if you bought something from us and within 30 days find it advertised somewhere else for less, we'll match that price too."

However, AAFES still offers more. AAFES is also a major source of  
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# Commander's Corner



Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil).

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

**AAFES Agencies**  
**Accounting and Finance**  
**Chaplain**  
**Civil Engineering**  
**Clinic**  
**Commissary**  
**Family Support**  
**Fitness Center**  
**Housing Office**  
**Inspector General**  
**Legal**  
**Lodging**  
**Military/Civilian**  
**Equal Opportunity Office**  
**Military Personnel**  
**Public Affairs**  
**Security Forces**  
**Services**  
**Transportation**

**748-7887**  
**8-4964**  
**8-5411**  
**8-3401**  
**8-2930**  
**8-3116**  
**8-5690**  
**8-3714**  
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**8-3204**  
**8-6178**  
**8-5596**  
**8-3584**

**Col. Bobby Wilkes**  
355th Wing  
Commander

## Respect

**Concern:** Regarding the Oct. 20 article in the *Desert Airman*, "Retreat. Time to Reflect", I have an idea on how to get people's attention so they will honor retreat and not continue to miss it. If you had a speaker system at the base exchange or commissary, the music could be heard and people could pay their respects.

**Response:** Thank you for your suggestion which we will plan to implement once our Giant Voice base-wide speaker system becomes operational early next year.  
In the meantime, we'll count on the professionalism of Team D-M members to pay proper respect to our flag at retreat each day at 5 p.m.

## Beauty Salon

**Concern:** I work at the base beauty salon. I was wondering if we will be getting some heat in the near future. We are getting numerous complaints from our clients as well as our employees, who are practically too cold to work. Out thermostat will not move off of 60 degrees, so I don't know if it is below that.

**Response:** Thank you for using the Commander's Corner and allowing us to answer your concern. Since most of our buildings on the installation use either a boiler for hot water to make heat or a chiller to make cold water for air conditioning (but not both simultaneously), converting from cooling to heating is an involved process that normally takes two to three weeks.

We just completed the process of turning the heat on throughout the base. We appreciate your patience with us during the changeover.

We apologize for any inconvenience and discomfort you or your customers may have experienced during this time. If you have any problems with your heating system in the future, please call 8-5503/5504 to submit a work order.

## Commander's Salute

This week, I salute the **Desert Inn Dining Facility staff, base commanders and senior NCOs** for making sure the Thanksgiving meal at the dining facility was a success. Well done!

# Your Final Answer?

*What is the best thing about the Thanksgiving dinner at the dining facility?*



**Senior Airman John Garretson**  
355th Communications Squadron

"The food is always better at Thanksgiving."



**Nubin Sweighart**

"We love this time of the year; everyone is happy. It is like a big family with all of the commanders and senior enlisted members serving the dinner ... it is nice and it gives us a break."



**Amalia Felix**



**Tee Henderson and Penny Cruea**

355th Services Squadron



**Sunee Daley**



**Tech. Sgt. Will and Jesse Gerborkoff**  
Visiting from Milwaukee

"Since I don't live here, it gives me a chance to eat with my son in nice surroundings and visit."



# Enlisted get geared up for testing

The Air Force Personnel Center recently announced testing windows for calendar year 2001.

Rescheduling must be kept to an absolute minimum to ensure everyone can be tested within the testing window, according to AFPC officials. Individuals who will depart TDY during the testing window must test prior to their departure. Commander's support staffs and base testing offices must work closely together to ensure compliance with Air Force Instruction 36-2605, *Air Force Military Testing Program*, Paragraph A9.10.

If an individual is going to be gone from his/her base during the entire testing window due to temporary duty or permanent change of station, they will be tested up to 10 days prior to the publicized testing window if the test booklet is available. Individuals who can't be tested prior to departure, or those who are given less than 10 days departure notification, will be tested as soon as possible after their return to their home station unless they

qualify for additional preparation time in accordance with AFI 36-2605, Para A9.10.3. Members who decline testing when given the opportunity to test become ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the cycle. Members who have questions about these procedures should contact their military personnel flight career enhancement office.

"With the upcoming promotion testing cycles not far away, now is a good time to review test compromise issues," center officials said. "Air Force members should be familiar with the violations that can lead to the compromise of a Weighted Airman Promotion System test. These regulations help guarantee that every enlisted member has the same opportunity as his or her peers."

The prohibitions below, while not all-inclusive, are the most common:

◆ **Study guides** – Developing and using local study/training guides focusing on preparing for selection or promotion tests, or which use testable materials such as Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, *Promotion Fitness*

*Examination Study Guide*, as reference material, are prohibited. Members may use commercial study guides, but their use is not recommended or supported by Air Force officials. Air Force funds can't be used to purchase commercial study guides and commercial study guide software may not be placed on government computers, even if purchased with personal funds.

◆ **Group study** – Air Force members may not engage in group study to improve test scores or aid in studying for a test. Group study includes discussing or sharing, in any form, information about actual test material or marked/highlighted testable material.

◆ **Training** – Training, official or unofficial, formal or informal, concentrating on "teaching the test" is prohibited. This includes training emphasizing information known or believed to be on a specific Air Force test. Training may not focus on preparing for promotion; however, training programs for end-of-course tests or proficiency are authorized.

Training that teaches general test-taking skill is also permitted.

◆ **Question Lists** – Developing and using lists of questions and answers, except those prepared and used exclusively by an individual, are prohibited.

◆ **Government Computers** – Government computers may not be used for creating, storing, or transferring personal study notes, and commercial study guide software may not be placed on them either. (Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center)

## Testing Cycle Dates

### Technical sergeant

Feb. 1 - March 15

### Master sergeant

Feb. 1 - March 15

### Staff sergeant

April 1 - 30

### Senior master sergeant

Nov. 1 - 10 (evaluation board meets Feb. 5-23, 2002)

### Chief master sergeant

Sept. 4 - 7

## AAFES

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employment for members of the Army and Air Force family.

More than 39 percent of the 54,000 AAFES associates are military family members.

Many associates have worked for years with AAFES as they've moved from one installation to another with their military sponsors. Another four percent of associates are military members who work part time in exchanges during their off-duty hours.

Brown said, "you are bound to get some of it (money spent) back whether it's through the best price guarantee, coupon incentive or by enjoying one of the MWR programs funded as a result of AAFES earnings."

People with questions or comments should use the Exchange Customer Comment Box located in the following AAFES facilities: Military Clothing and Sales, Class Six, Main Exchange, Home and Garden, the Shoppette, Burger King, the Snack Bar, the theater or the Car Care Center. Brown assures that all customers will receive a courteous and prompt reply.

However, customers can contact Brown directly at 8-3904, stopping by Building 4320 or e-mail him at [Browndewey@aafes.com](mailto:Browndewey@aafes.com)

He also encourages the military community to look on the user-friendly AAFES Internet site at [http://www.aafes.com/conus\\_wer/davis\\_monthan/info.htm](http://www.aafes.com/conus_wer/davis_monthan/info.htm)

"There is a lot of useful information at the site, such as the weekly flyer, the movie schedule, a list of job vacancies, telephone numbers, a base map. Plus, customers can shop on-line and there are useful links available," said Brown.



Staff Sgt. James Steele

## 'Out with the old'

Civilian contractors have torn down the last of the old post office at the corner of Craycroft Road and Granite Street. The new post office, located at the corner of Craycroft Road and Madera Street, opened for business July 10. The post office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes

## Turkey day

Col. Monique Ryser, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, serves up a meal to the troops and their families on Thanksgiving at the Desert Inn Dining Facility. More than 360 pounds of turkey, roast beef and ham were prepared. The commanders and senior NCOs served the meal.

## Officials clarify tour lengths

By Lt. Col. Bryan Holt  
Aerospace Expeditionary Force  
Center Public Affairs

As the Air Force prepares to enter the next Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle, Air Force officials want to ensure airmen know what to expect for the length of their deployments.

Aerospace Expeditionary Force Center officials said the 15-split month AEF cycle more accurately translates into three-month rotations instead of the 90-day concept.

The clarification is designed to provide even more predictability for the upcoming second AEF cycle, which begins Dec. 1.

"One of the primary purposes of the AEF is to provide predictability in the lives of our airmen and their families," said Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen, AEF Center commander. "We're achieving this by putting the deployable Air Force members on a 15-month rotational schedule and ensuring those tasked know when they are eligible to deploy."

The AEF goal is one three-month contingency deployment every 15 months; however, the strict interpretation of the "90 days" terminology may have caused some confusion, officials said.

"We've heard of some Air Force members who have made leisure and family plans on the 91st day," Larsen said. "We wanted to en-

sure we educate all of our Air Force members on this issue."

For instance, in the AEF cycle, five three-month deployments cover 455 days; however, five 90-day deployments only cover 450 days. In order to accommodate this five-day difference, each AEF deployment in the area of responsibility runs 91 days. The three-month schedule doesn't include travel time or overlap with departing units, if required, Larsen explained. "People will most likely be deployed beyond exactly 91 days," he said.

"While we've clarified the terminology to describe AEF deployments, the Air Force leadership remains committed to the three-month tour length of a standard steady-state contingency (temporary duty)," Larsen said. "This is just an additional step to educate our people on future AEF deployments."

The AEF Center, located at Langley Air Force Base, Va., plans, configures, schedules, prepares and assesses the aerospace expeditionary forces while providing stability and predictability for Air Force people and their families.

Davis-Monthan AFB members are part of every AEF deployment, but the bulk will go with the AEF 5 rotation which is due to deploy June 1 through August 1. "Our office is not aware of any length of tour confusion by D-M members," said Maj. James Ellis, 355th Wing AEF Office.

## Travelers pay government bills in simpler fashion

Travelers using their government travel cards now have a simpler way to pay the bill – the split disbursement option.

This payment option allows travelers to send a portion of their travel voucher settlement directly to Bank of America to pay their government travel card bill, speeding up the payment of charges made during official government travel and minimizing the number of people who are delinquent in the payment of their bills.

Split disbursement can also be a needed payment option to avoid delinquent charges during temporary duty assignments more than 45 days long. In these cases, travelers can fax a voucher to the finance of-

fice every 30 days while they are gone for a partial settlement of their travel expenses. These are known as accrual or interim vouchers and must include a copy of the travel orders, both front and back, and lodging receipts.

To ensure the correct amount is sent to the bank, travelers need to take the following steps:

- ◆ Keep the receipts from every GTC use.

- ◆ When filing a travel voucher, DD Form 1351-2, check the box next to Split Disbursement in block 1.

- ◆ Then, in block 1, write the amount of money to be sent directly to the bank to pay the bill. To decide what amount to put in this blank travelers should add their re-

ceipts including all airline tickets, lodging costs, rental car expenses and other GTC expenses.

"Travelers who failed to keep some receipts can call the number on the card's back to obtain the current balance or contact their unit representative for the information," Master Sgt. Pam Condino, 355th Comptroller Squadron and 355th Wing government travel card representative.

Once the travel settlement is computed, the designated portion will be sent directly to Bank of America via electronic funds transfer. Any remaining entitlement from the settlement voucher will be sent to the member's personal bank account.

If the amount due to the member for a travel voucher is less than the amount of split disbursement requested by the traveler, the finance office will send all of the travel settlement directly to the GTC account and the member is responsible for paying the remainder of the debt to the GTC bank in a timely manner.

It is important to note that the split disbursement option can only be used by members who have the GTC.

For additional GTC questions, contact your unit representative or Condino at 8-5949. For travel voucher questions, contact the customer service section at 8-5111. (Courtesy 355th Comptroller Squadron)



# Medal of Honor nominations start at service level

By Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor  
Air Force Print News

The Navy was the first to award the medal in one form or another in 1861, followed quickly by the Army version of this award. There are three different types of Medals of Honor today: the original simple star shape established in 1861 which the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard have retained; a wreath version designed in 1904 for the Army; and the Air Force version.

Authorized in 1956, the Air Force unveiled its own design for the Medal of Honor in 1965. About 50 percent larger than the other services' Medals of Honor, it retained the laurel wreath and oak leaves of the Army Medal which had previously been presented to members of the Army Air Service and Air Corps.

It also retained the bar bearing the word "VALOR." Inside the circle of stars the helmeted profile of Minerva from the Army's medal is replaced by the head of the Statue of Liberty. Replacing the Army's eagle is the Air Force Coat of Arms.

There are 3,433 Medal of Honor recipients, 19 double recipients. There are 151 living MOH hon-

orees, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, a group created Aug. 5, 1958 by Congress and President Eisenhower, and governed by federal law.

Since the formation of a separate service in 1947, there have been 16 recipients of the Air Force medal. Prior to 1963 members of the Army Air Corps and the Air Force were awarded the Army Medal.

Presented by the president in the name of the Congress, it is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any American. Congress set the guidelines for the award of the Medal of Honor in 1965. The criteria include:

- ◆ While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; or
- ◆ While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
- ◆ While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

The service secretaries establishes procedures for processing recommendations for the award of the Medal of Honor in their military department. Those recommendations must contain

the endorsement of the subordinate unified combatant commander or the joint task force commander, if involved; the unified combatant commander concerned; and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After endorsement by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the recommendation is referred to the secretary concerned for appropriate action.

The Air Force MOH recommendations must be entered formally into official channels within two years of the act warranting the recommendation, and awarded in three years.

Each service's regulations and instructions, coupled with those created by the Department of Defense, refer to the Congressional standards for award of the medal. Members of the Marines and the Coast Guard receive their medals through the Navy.

The DOD also awards certain benefits and courtesies to medal recipients, all Congressionally mandated, and outlines through various instructions, including a Department of Veterans Affairs, a pension of \$400 per month, space-A travel privileges and more. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

## JSF breaks sound barrier

Test pilot Tom Morgenfeld lifted off from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. and took the X-35A to 25,000 feet altitude, reaching Mach 1.05, Nov. 21.

Earlier in the day, on the X-35A's 24th flight, Morgenfeld demonstrated the aircraft's ability to land on an aircraft carrier during six practice carrier landing demonstrations, previewing the aircraft's low-speed carrier approach handling qualities in advance of upcoming tests with the second demonstrator, the X-35C.

He said controllability in the carrier landing profiles was excellent as he used a Fresnel lens on the ground for pilot cues during his approach to a simulated carrier deck outlined on the runway.

"These results were accomplished by our team's approach to tackle technical challenges up front," said Tom Burbage, executive vice president and general manager of the Lockheed Martin JSF team.

"This aircraft has allowed us to concentrate on validating those flying characteristics that can't be adequately proven through modeling and simulation," Burbage added.

With its flight testing now com-



Photo by Tom Reynolds

Just 25 hours and 25 flights into its airborne test program, the Lockheed-Martin Joint Strike Fighter X-35A prototype broke the sound barrier Nov. 21, during a test flight at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

plete, the X-35A returned to Lockheed Martin's nearby Palmdale, Calif., facility to be fitted with a shaft-driven, lift-fan propulsion system. It will be renamed the X-35B and will begin ground testing in preparation for its short takeoff/vertical landing demonstrations.

"In flighttesting the X-35A, we've been gathering information on the STOVL X-35B model since the up-and-away performance is the same," said Harry Blot, vice president and

deputy program manager for the Lockheed Martin JSF team. "We also have completed engine runs on the X-35C — the Navy configuration — and expect it to take flight by mid-December."

The conventional takeoff-and-landing X-35A, designed to meet Air Force specifications, is externally identical to the STOVL X-35B, the U.S. Marine Corps/ British Royal Air Force and Royal Navy JSF demonstrator.

Consequently, much of the X-35A's flight-test data will satisfy government requirements for the X-35B.

"All three of these aircraft are very close representations of the planes we're proposing for full-scale production," Blot said. "When you see our flight-test data, you're essentially seeing data that the production aircraft would generate." (Courtesy of the Air Force Flight Test Center News Service)



# Kunsan mission change takes the fight into the night with LANTIRN F-16s

The upgraded fighters, known as Block-40s — to designate a level of improvement based on the original design — are assigned to Kunsan's 35th Fighter Squadron. Currently, the 35th and 80th FSs at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, operate Block-30 F-16Cs and are primarily limited to day-light flying operations. The addition of this edition of the F-16 gives Kunsan's Wolf Pack the ability to fight day or night, in all weather.

Kunsan will receive 18 F-16C models and three 'D' models.

Leading the three-ship formation was Lt. Col. Michael Rizzo, 35th FS commander. Rizzo's squadron will fly the Block-40s.

Block-40s significantly enhance the 8th Fighter Wing's warfighting capability by adding a Low Altitude Navigation Targeting Infrared Night system, which are intake-mounted pods that allow pilots to locate and mark enemy targets day or night. Block-40s also give pilots precision targeting capability.

LANTIRN systems consist of two pods, a navigation pod and a targeting pod. Navigation Pods use a Forward-Looking Infra Red System that allows the pilot to see targets in the pod's field of



Courtesy photo

*The 8th Fighter Wing's mission took a major step forward when the first three of more than 20 upgraded F-16 Fighting Falcons landed at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 17.*

view, day or night.

Targeting pods allow the pilot to precisely designate a target using the pod's internal laser beam. After bomb release, a special guidance unit on the front of the weapon guides on the laser energy reflecting off of the target.

"We can literally bomb through windows with this aircraft," Rizzo said. "I actually got a chance to do that in training these past few weeks out at Luke (Air Force Base, Ariz.)."

In addition to employing laser-guided munitions, Block-40s are equipped with an Improved Data Modem.

The IDM allows the pilot to "station keep, or monitor the position of other IDM-equipped aircraft by displacing their relative position on a

multifunctional display in the cockpit. It also permits Air Liaison Officers assigned to the ground maneuver units to "data burst" real-time target information directly into the cockpit of inbound aircraft, thus allowing the pilot to remain heads-up while simultaneously reducing exposure time in the target area.

The 35th FS will receive more than 20 total Block-40 F-16s from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., by February.

The Block-30 F-16s currently assigned to the 35th FS will transfer to a Reserve unit at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., and the ANG's 120th FW at Great Falls, Mont.

*(Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces Command News Service)*

## Advertising



# U.S.-Russia POW/MIA group renews commitment

The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA renewed their commitment last week to continue cooperative efforts in search of information concerning the circumstances of loss and to establish the fate of missing servicemen.

During the two-day session in Moscow, the commission's co-chairmen, retired Army Maj. Gen. Roland Lajoie and Russian Gen. Major Vladimir Zolotarev, signed the executive summary to the commission's joint report on the results of work conducted from 1995 to 2000. The executive summary highlights the commission's accomplishments and identifies areas for further research and investigation.

The commission was established in 1992 by the U.S. and Russian presidents. It is a group of senior American and Russian executive- and legislative-branch officials that meets periodically to assess and to coordinate policy, research and investigative efforts on clarifying the fate of missing American and Russian servicemen. Information of value to the commission is gained primarily through archival research and interviews of veterans, government officials, and other knowledgeable Russian and American citizens.

Highlights of the recent meeting include a report in the World War II working group on the successful visit in August to Kamchatka. A team led by Lajoie and Col. Konstantin Golumbovskiy, the Russian deputy chairman of the commission, positively identified a U.S. PV-1 patrol bomber missing in action since March 25, 1944. Plans

for a full-scale excavation of the site scheduled tentatively for summer 2001 were initiated by Michael McReynolds, the working group's U.S. co-chairman, and his Russian counterpart.

In the commission's working group, A. Denis Clift, the U.S. co-chairman, reported painstaking research conducted by the Russian and U.S. delegates has led to new information related to incidents of U.S. aircraft lost near the borders of the former Soviet Union during the Cold War.

The Korean War working group discussed prospects for expanding archival research emphasizing reports from search groups involved in the recovery of U.S. aircraft and crews during the war. The concept was favorably received.

The archives' management agreed to examine holdings at military museums and other facilities that may retain records, artifacts or personal effects of U.S. service personnel.

U.S. delegates raised the issue of who, based on a number of reports from a variety of sources, were sighted in the Soviet camp system, known as the GULAG. The Russian delegates agreed to accept the reports, which have been incorporated into a single document, called the GULAG Study, for further examination.

In the Vietnam War working group, the Russian delegates agreed to continue their research in various archives seeking documentation that might clarify the fate of missing-in-action American servicemen from the Vietnam conflict. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



Master Sgt. Val Gempis

## Returning home

*Members of the Yokota Air Base, Japan, Honor Guard prepare to unload caskets containing possible remains of U.S. military personnel from the Vietnam War during a repatriation ceremony. The remains, including three from Vietnam and two from Laos, were flown there by a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. The remains were uncovered by members of Joint Task Force-Full Accounting in September.*

# Advertising



# Take time to think ‘big’ thoughts about military, role as airmen

**By Lt. Col. John Carter**  
*354th Fighter Squadron commander*

Inbox, outbox, shift change, phone, HOT tasker, meeting, training, home.

How often do we take the time to stop and think about what we are really doing?

Not that the things we do every day aren't important (they are or we shouldn't be doing them!), but do we pause every now and then to think big thoughts?

## What Americans expect

After all, it's big thoughts that brought us here, and big thoughts are what the American people expect of us when we set out to do our combat mission.

What do I mean by big thoughts?

How about our role as warriors and airmen in the most powerful military on earth.

The recent presidential election highlights one of the major successes of our particular brand of democracy: civilian control of the military.

## Selection uncertainty

How often in world history has uncertainty over the selection of the next government been the excuse cited for a military seizure of power?

The pundits can debate the meaning of recounts, the utility of butterfly ballots and



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

*Staff Sgt. Eric Mollison (left) and Airman John Lathrop debrief Lt Col. John Carter, Jr. after his flight. Mollison and Lathrop are dedicated crew chiefs for the 354th Fighter Squadron commander's A-10 Thunderbolt II.*

the merits of the electoral college all day, but how often does one of those commentators express concern that the military may take control of the country? Right, that would be never.

The absence of such concern affirms the

wisdom of those leaders who dared to think big thoughts when our country was born.

The system they put in place — where the military takes its orders from the elected representatives of the people;

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where the nation's top military commanders advise the civilians who give the orders rather than giving the orders themselves, stands as a shining beacon to those who would emulate our nation's success. We take it for granted, but let there be no doubt that assured civilian control of the military must be counted as a blessing, especially in light of a difficult, close election.

Role as airmen

And what of our role as airmen? When our civilian leaders give us the order, we will respond. But how? The past decade's campaigns in Iraq, Bosnia, and Serbia have thrust the role of airpower onto the world's centerstage. The public debate on the proper use of airpower is reaching beyond budget share and touching the very tactics we use and targets we strike. How we, as airmen, conduct warfare to achieve our nation's objectives is outlined in one

short, easy to ready document: AFDD 1 "Air Force Basic Doctrine." As described in AFDD 1, the principles of war, tenets of airpower, and core competencies of our Air Force combine to describe a military force unlike any other. Our Air Force differs significantly from land or sea surface forces as well as the air components of other services. The lessons of warfare learned throughout history provide the background for the principles of war; our core competencies furnish an organizing framework for asserting exactly what our nation should expect from its Air Force. Most important for airmen are the tenets of air and space power. In the tenets of airpower, AFDD 1 outlines the airmen's perspective, and as airmen we need to understand that perspective. Our ability to maneuver above the surface of the earth, both in the air and in space, endows airmen with a unique view of combat employment. The tenets of airpower cap-

ture the essence of delivering combat power from the "ultimate high ground."

Seven tenets

The seven tenets remind us that: airpower requires centralized control and decentralized execution; airpower is flexible and versatile; airpower produces synergistic effects; airpower is uniquely suited to persistent operations; airpower operations must achieve concentration of purpose; airpower operations must be prioritized; and airpower operations must be balanced. Some of the terms may seem a little unusual at first, but AFDD 1 explains what the tenets mean and how they apply to modern warfare. The tenets cannot provide a recipe for success, but they can and should guide our approach to airpower employment. Ultimately it takes an experienced airman who understands how these tenets interact to most effectively bring airpower to bear against our enemies. Are these the right tenets? Will these tenets help us or

hurt us as we develop operational art at the theater-level and tactics at the squadron level? Does the ability to move information from cockpit to air operations center computer screens (and back) argue for or against centralized control/decentralized execution? Questions like these bring me back to the concept of big thoughts. Technological innovation, at least for the near future, appears inevitable. Unfortunately, doctrinal and organizational evolution is not so inevitable because they are difficult to achieve. The big thoughts about how best to employ 21st Century airpower are out there. For our Air Force and nation to prevail in conflicts tomorrow, we must come to grips with what it means to be an airman today. AFDD 1 provides a good start. What we do everyday is critical to our unit's success. But let's take the time every now and then to think some big thoughts about our military, and our chosen military profession as airmen.

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Blue Flag Attendees

355th Wing Flying Goals

	Hours	41st	42nd	43rd	Sorties	354th	357th	358th
		ECS	ACCS	ECS		FS	FS	FS
	Goal	260	325	233		517	340	365
	Flown	248	270	241		490	344	342
	Delta	-2	-18	39		11	23	-1
FY 2001	12	-10	26	-11	-9	-35		

Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, 101 members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

Europe: 11

South America: 17

Southwest Asia: 90

Deployed (by group):


- 355 OG - 5
- 355 LG - 44
- 355 SPTG - 67
- 355 WG - 2

Total: 118


Source: 355th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Readiness Unit

Other locations -- 0

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# Health Focus

## DUI - How much are you willing to gamble?

**By Maj. Beverly Sabourin**  
355th Medical Group

It's nearing the weekend ... everybody at work is talking about "hitting the bars" or going to a party. You anticipate the great night you're going to have with your friends and don't think about that game of Russian Roulette you're going to play because you decided to drink and drive. The next morning (if you're lucky) you wake up having escaped last night's consequences of drinking and driving. How long are you willing to chance your luck holding out?

Drinking and driving is a no-win situation. For every one out of every 130 miles driven in Arizona (1998), a legally intoxicated person (blood alcohol content .10) sat behind the wheel. This resulted in an estimated total of 19,800 crashes in Arizona involving alcohol. These crashes killed 423 and injured an estimated 14,100 people.

Is losing almost two people a day to an alcohol-related accident worth driving while under the influence? What about those of you who drink and drive but whose BAC is less than .10? Think that you're a safe driver? Statistics from 1998 show that Arizona drivers with:

- BACs of .10 and above were involved in an estimated 18,900 crashes that killed 334 and injured 12,300

- BACs between .08-.09 were involved in an estimated 300 crashes that killed 26 and injured 600

- Positive BACs below .08 were involved in an estimated 600 crashes that killed 63 and injured 1,200

What are the odds for you being involved in a fatal crash? If you drink and drive, the likelihood of you being involved in a fatal crash is more than 380 times higher than for some who don't drink and drive. Of course the greatest cost of DUI isn't just the lost of your life but also the lost of innocent victims - passengers, pedestrians and others involved - lives. In the United States, that's equates to losing three people per hour or 40 jumbo jet crashes with no survivors.

Driving requires coordinating many tasks at once, and calls for responding to situations that can change in a split second.

If you were having surgery, you would get the anesthesia, not the surgical team. But when you drink and drive, you're putting to sleep the very parts of your brain that are required for this intricate task. What skills are required for driving, and what effects does alcohol have on them?

**Eye movement:** Alcohol decreases your ability to track moving objects, to maintain focus, and shrinks your peripheral vision. It also significantly interferes with your hand-eye coordination, which is essential to

steering.

**Reaction time:** When you've been drinking, it takes longer to read street signs or respond to changes and obstacles in the road, like sudden red lights or someone pulling out in front of you unexpectedly. When you're driving under the influence, you compensate by seeking out less information and are therefore less aware of the environment.

**Multi-tasking:** You have to divide your attention between several activities all at once.

Stay in your lane. Adjust your speed and direction. Monitor the environment for obstacles, pedestrians, and traffic signals. Don't forget the radio! When you've been drinking you tend to focus on one task at a time. "OK, I'm steering. OK, I'm going too fast. OK, now I have to turn. OK, the light is turning red. OK, I have to brake." Get the picture?

As you make plans to enjoy this holiday season, think twice about consuming alcohol. If you are depressed, or alone, seek out someone to be with, don't use alcohol to console yourself. And if you're going out to a friend's house or a party, don't drink and drive or ride with someone else who has been drinking. The legacy of alcohol misuse all too frequently leaves a trail sorrow and death. Don't take the gamble of losing your life or that of killing another.

### Facts – What can I do to help prevent colds?

Since colds are caused by so many different viruses, the immunities you develop to one virus won't protect you against other cold viruses. While there are no sure ways to prevent a cold, the following precautions may help:

- Stay away from people who have colds, especially when they sneeze or cough. Most colds are picked up either by hand-to-hand contact, or by inhaling the infected droplets from a cough or sneeze.
- During the months when colds are prevalent, wash your hands frequently. Don't shake hands when you have a cold and vice versa.
- Eat a well-balanced diet and make sure you get enough sleep to keep up your resistance.
- Adding moisture to your room by using a vaporizer, humidifier, or even putting trays of water on radiators may increase your body's ability to fight infection. When the air is very dry (less than 30-percent moisture), the mucous membranes tend to dry out. Without normal drainage, sinuses, middle ears and bronchi may become infected.

## Advertising

# Families cash in on Services promotion

**By Steve Jacobs**  
*355th Services Squadron*

Your family could be the next Be a Hero winner! There's still time for yours to be one of the eight Davis-Monthan AFB families to win a Be a Hero family vacation package.

Since this year's version of the popular program began three months ago, five vacation packages have been given away in weekly drawings.

You could be next; drawings are today, Dec. 8 and 15.

"But, as they say, you can't win if you don't play," said Lt. Col. Mike Archuleta, 355th Services Squadron commander. "Just stop by one of our Services locations and pick up a Be a Hero card. Then, anytime you and the kids take part in a Services activity, your card is stamped. Cards with five stamps are eligible for the next drawing.

"It's easy to get stamps. Play golf, bowl, take a class together,

have lunch, check out a book from the Library, or sign up for basketball – just about any Services activity involving a parent and child qualifies. You

can even get a stamp by visiting the [www.servicity.com](http://www.servicity.com) web site."

There's no limit on how many completed cards your

family can enter.

Nearly all Services facilities are participating.

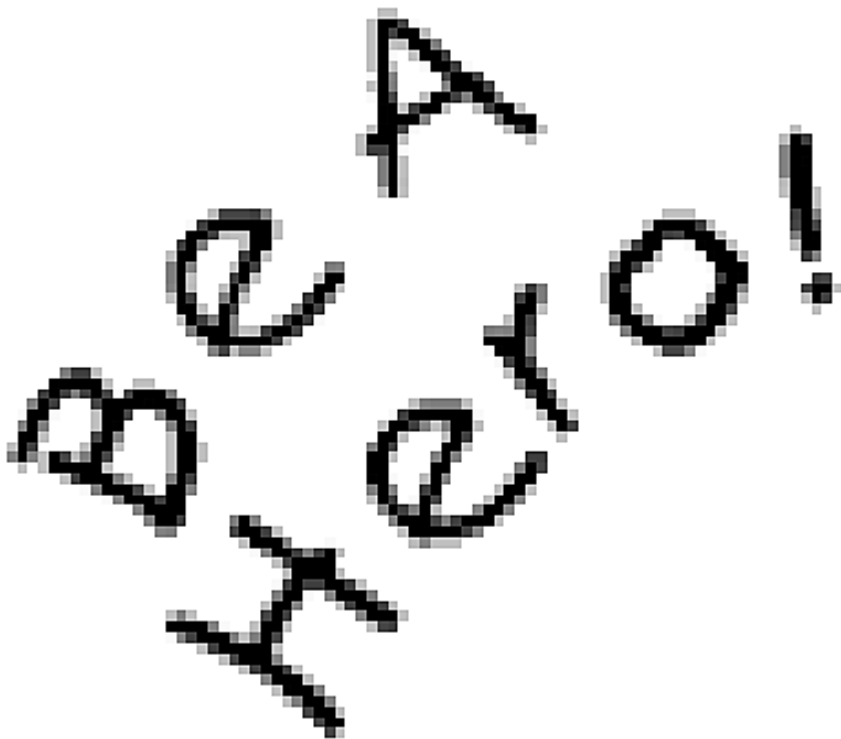
Drawing winners can choose from 98 U.S. and foreign destinations. Families have a year to take their vacation, beginning Jan. 1, 2001.

Three-night vacation packages offer deluxe resort accommodations, breakfast, golf, tickets to local attractions, discount coupons and more (packages may vary according to location and season).

Although transportation is not included, destinations like Southern California, Durango, Colo., and Las Vegas are within a one-day drive.

As an added bonus, a separate ninth drawing, Dec. 15, is for \$200 in long-distance services from AT&T (no federal endorsement of sponsors is intended).

For more information, call or come to any D-M Services activity, or contact the Services marketing office at 8-5950.



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Senior Airman Amy McBeth

## *Sonoran Spotlight*

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)*

Airman 1st Class Felissa Dayish joined the Air Force more than two years ago because, "it was the first step to becoming a pilot.

"The military is a part of my family heritage and it gave me the opportunity to serve my country."

The 22-year-old native of Shiprock, N.M., currently serves the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron as an aerospace maintenance

*(Left) Airman 1st Class Felissa Dayish is an aerospace maintenance journeyman for the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron.*

journeyman. In that capacity, she assists in managing and directing all work efforts on the EC-130H Compass Call aircraft to which she is assigned. That includes everything from inspection, servicing, launch and recovery, to maintenance, processing forms and collecting maintenance data.

"I work with great people and we all have a common goal of completing the mission," she said.

When she's not taking care of an aircraft, Dayish enjoys hiking, camping, swimming and biking. "I enjoy D-M and the weather here, because it's a good base with a lot of programs to enhance personal enrichment. In addition, the great year-round weather and close proximity to the mountains are a plus."

Dayish said her goal is to complete her degree in aeronautical engineering and become a pilot. "The one person I admire most is my father," she added. "He instilled in me through hard work and dedication, the fact that I can fulfill my dreams. It has inspired me throughout my life, and he taught me to never give up on a goal."

# Advertising



# Submariner reunion

## Former Navy mates 'hook up' at FamCamp

**They worked on the USS Barracuda 34 years ago**

**By Karen Halstead**  
*Public affairs*

When retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Jackie Hysong and his wife, Nancy, pulled into the parking lot at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's FamCamp recently, the last thing on their minds was running into an old Navy buddy.

As Hysong registered, Peggy Alseth took care of the paperwork. She was intrigued by a man having Jackie for a first name. She remarked about it to her husband, Navy retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Edar Alseth.

"I know that guy," Alseth said as he ran out of the building to catch Hysong before he left the parking lot. "Jackie Don Hysong, Did you used to be in submarines?"

"Do I know you?" Hysong answered back.

The Hysong's, who left the rainy weather of Silverdale, Wash., to look for a retirement home in Tucson, knew the bearded gentleman must know him.

"No one calls me Jackie Don, except relatives, because no one else knows my middle name," Hysong said. "When I checked in, I didn't have my glasses on and didn't see Peggy's name tag."

"Here in the middle of nowhere, we weren't expecting to see anyone we knew," Nancy Hysong said. "Seldom do I see Jack so happy to see someone."

The gentlemen first met serving aboard the USS Barracuda more than 30 years ago. Hysong was a fire control technician and Alseth, a sonar technician.



Karen Halstead

*Edar Alseth (left) and Jackie Hysong reminisce over their days aboard the USS Barracuda during their winter stay in the FamCamp.*

"Jackie is a quiet, stately individual," Alseth said. "I have a fondness for him, he's a good stable person."

The Barracuda was a "small submarine" and had a small crew of only 34. The submarine was used in anti-submarine warfare maneuvers in the Atlantic. Years

later this sub was cut apart to make two subs for training, according to Hysong.

Both retired from the Navy in 1974, Hysong went to college and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; Alseth also went to college and graduated with a degree in management. Both

worked for defense contractors who had contracts with the Department of the Navy. Now they are both retired from their second jobs.

"There's something about being a submariner," Alseth said. "We lived in such tight quarters and you got to know each other really well. We had to be honest people. You could depend on one another and developed trust very easily. You can trust a submariner with anything you've got."

"Submariners are the cream of the crop in the Navy," Nancy said.

Although they didn't keep in touch over the years, they were quick to recount stories of the years since their active-duty time together. In those earlier days, "If we weren't on duty at our battle stations or having a field day, we would play poker, watch a movie sleep or eat," Alseth said.

The one thing they both recalled were the poor sleeping arrangements they have had during their submarine days. Anyone below the rank of E-5 didn't have their own bunk, according to Alseth. "We even hot bunked," Hysong added. "We would sleep in empty torpedo tubes."

The Hysong's found the perfect retirement home, and should be ready to move into it in five months, according to Nancy.

The Alseth's will continue to work as a host family at the D-M FamCamp for the next several months.

Host families volunteer 25 hours each week to assist the FamCamp manager with various duties at the registration center. In return, they receive a free rental site while they volunteer.

## Korean War remembered



*(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (over the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman will run significant events related to the Korean War.)* This week in 1950, the following significant Air Force events occurred:

**Dec. 1:** The USS Cape Esperance arrived in Japan with F-86 fighters of the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing. Fifth Air Force headquarters moved from Nagoya, Japan, to Seoul, South Korea, and its newly activated 314th Air Division assumed responsibility for the air defense of Japan. In the first prolonged MiG attack of the war, six MiG-15s engaged three B-29s for six minutes, damaging them considerably despite the F-80 escorts. Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command evacuated about 1,500 United Nations casualties from the

Pyongyang area.

**Dec. 3:** U.S. troops from the Changjin Reservoir area fought their way to Hagaru-ri, while a relief column from Hungnam fought its way toward them, reaching Koto-ri, about seven miles away. Communist troops prevented the two groups from linking and encircled them both, forcing them to rely on airlift for resupply.

**Dec. 4:** MiG-15s shot down one of the three Air Force Tornado reconnaissance aircraft in the theater, making the first successful jet bomber interception in airpower history.



# Scoreboard

## Bowling

### Intramural - American

(Week 13)

Team	W-L
42 ACCS #2	68-28
MDG #2	56-40
42 ACCS #1	54-42
41 ECS #2	50-46
CONS	50-46
41 ECS #1	48-48
MDG #1	46-50
355 OSS	44-52
43 ECS	24-72
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> 41 ECS #1, 873	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> 41 ECS #1, 2559	
<b>High Scratch Game (Men):</b> Larry Jourdan, 213	
<b>High Scratch Series (Men):</b> Michael Hagler, 613	
<b>High Scratch Game (Women):</b> Laurel Brewer, 160	
<b>High Scratch Series (Women):</b> Laurel Brewer, 454	

### Intramural - National

(Week 13)

Team	W-L
12 AF #1	61-35
AMMO	60-36
SVS	59-37
AMARC	58-38
TRANS	50-46
MSS	48-48
12 AF #3	46-50
25 OWS #1	44-52
SUPS	42-54
CRS	40-56
COMM	40-56
358th	28-68
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> SVS, 1132	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> SVS, 3177	
<b>High Scratch Game (Men):</b> Andy King, 275	
<b>High Scratch Series (Men):</b> Daniel Woodard, 709	
<b>High Scratch Game (Women):</b> Pam Boogs, 198	
<b>High Scratch Series (Women):</b>	

Pam Boggs, 488

### Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 12)

Team	W-L
Hit and Miss	60-36
Ally Kats	50-46
Dream Catchers	49-47
Wee Bee Bad	49-47
Hot Cats	48-48
OUI 3	48-48
The Monarchs	48-48
Soon's Runway	32-64
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> Ally Kats, 496	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> Hit and Miss, 1339	
<b>High Scratch Game:</b> Carol Pell, 191	
<b>High Scratch Series:</b> Pam Benedict, 493	

### Phantom Mixed

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Strike Force	54-26
So So's	54-26
The Cajuns	51-29
The Dizzy Four	43-37
Alley Oops	42-38
Strikebusters	42-38
Lucky Seven	41-39
Sweet Revenge	36-44
Six Pack	35-45
Avengers	30-50
Rat Pack	28-52

### OWC

(Week 9)

Team	W-L
Lady Flyers	64-8
Coyotes	44-28
Alley Cats	36-36
The Eastsiders	36-36
Snuffers	36-36
KIDDS	36-36
Splitsters	30-42
<b>High Scratch Game:</b> Mary Jo Davee, 181	
<b>High Scratch Series:</b> Donita Oliver, 512	

### D-M Pinrollers

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Uh Huh Girls	62-26
Dreamers	51-37
Team 5	48-40
The Dream Catchers	46-42
Team 6	45-43
Annie's Girls	45-43
L-A-D-Y	44-44
Kachina Dolls	29-51
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> Uh Huh Girls, <b>699</b>	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> Uh Huh Girls, 1990	
<b>High Scratch Game:</b> Ahtaline Tolden, 203	
<b>High Scratch Series:</b> Gloria McKinney, 550	

### CE Mixed

(Week 8)

Team	W-L
Just-4-Fun	46-18
BJ's Bunns	40-24
Good, Bad & Ugly	40-24
MILFs	38-26
The Cans	38-26
Fire Dawgs	34-30
Brew Crew	30-34
Old Timers	20-44
HVAC	18-14
Now N Then	16-48
<b>High Scratch Game (Men):</b> Bryan Chambliss, 206	
<b>High Scratch Series (Men):</b> Dave Kozma, 568	
<b>High Scratch Game:</b> Nicole Westbrook, 163	
<b>High Scratch Series:</b> Nicole Westbrook, 475	

### Thursday Night

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Mission Impossible	62-26
The Prickly Pears	58-30
Pick One	56-32
Desert Strikers	54-34
Four Seas	50-38
PBJs	50-38
Lickity Splits	48-40
Nice-N-Spicy	38-50
Road Runners	38-50
Ice Breakers	38-50
Pintendos	36-52
Cool Cs	34-54

BMs	34-54
Bucks N Does	20-68
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> Pick One, 772	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> Pick One, 2247	
<b>High Scratch Game (Men):</b> Les Claassen, 248	
<b>High Scratch Series (Men):</b> Lloyd Lee, 659	
<b>High Scratch Game (Women):</b> Judy Ashworth, 201	
<b>High Scratch Series (Women):</b> Tina Carder, 505	

### Friday Nite Fun

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Wannabees	56-24
Double Trouble	49-31
3 Roses & A Thorn	44-36
More BS	43-37
The Misfits	42-38
AAFES	42-38
Just Us	42-38
Kum Cantasi	41-39
O Spare Us	38-42
Gutter Dusters	35-45
Just Havin Fun	30-42
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> More BS, 764	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> More BS, 2150	
<b>High Scratch Game (Men):</b> Gary Parker, 243	
<b>High Scratch Series (Men):</b> Terry Snyder, 627	
<b>High Scratch Game (Women):</b> Liz Parker, 223	
<b>High Scratch Series (Women):</b> Kari Snyder, 517	

### Bantams

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
The Dragons	57-23
N Sync	53-27
Tigers	50-30
<b>High Handicap Game (Team):</b> Tigers, 766	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> N Sync, 636	
<b>High Handicap Game (Boys):</b> Cody Sechler, 195	
<b>High Scratch Series (Boys):</b> Jonathon Willis, 245	
<b>High Scratch Game (Girls):</b> Danielle Wayman, 74	

**High Scratch Series (Girls):**  
Alicia Jones, 238

### Preps/Juniors/Majors

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
The Xtremes	62-18
Fox Hound	56-24
Alley Cats	46-34
Jaguars	43-37
Strikers	42-38
Desert Pros	40-40
Undertakers	39-41
Unlimited	38-42
The Bulldogs	34-46
N Sync Fireballs	32-48
Desert Strikers	30-50
<b>High Scratch Game (Team):</b> Fox Hound, 452	
<b>High Scratch Series (Team):</b> The Bulldogs, 1302	
<b>High Scratch Game (Boys):</b> Tyler Johnson, 137 (Preps); Allen Ekstrom, 114 ( <b>Juniors</b> )	
<b>High Scratch Series (Boys):</b> Dale Phelps, 364 (Preps); Travis Cross, 414 ( <b>Juniors</b> ); Jason Wakefield, 476 ( <b>Majors</b> )	
<b>High Scratch Game (Girls):</b> Ashley Wakefield, 81 (Preps); Kendra Shorter, 117 (Juniors)	
<b>High Scratch Series (Girls):</b> Rachel Ross, 302 (Preps); Ebony Wayman, 365 (Juniors)	

## Flag Football

### Monday/Wednesday

(Current as of Monday)

Team	W-L
MDG	6-0
SFS	5-1
CRS	5-2
162 ANG	4-2
COMM	4-2
43 ECS	4-2
OSS	4-2
TRANS	2-5
41 ECS	1-5
358 FS	0-9

### Tuesday/Thursday

(Current as of Tuesday)

Team	W-L
43 OPS	4-1
SUPS	4-1
42 ACCS	3-2
354 FS	3-2
EMS	3-2
CES	2-3
357 FS	2-3
12 AF	2-3
25 OWS	2-3

# Sports Shorts

## Golf tournament

The 355th Contracting Squadron is holding its 2000 Holiday “Tee-Off” golf tournament Dec. 15 at the Blanchard Golf Course. Cost is \$100 per team (\$25 per person) for the four-person select shot (scramble) format tournament that has an 11 a.m., shotgun start. First-place prize is a golf package for four to Heritage Highlands (no federal endorsement intended). Call Bret Zieman at 8-5458, or Travis Sippel at 8-4156 for more information.

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# Advertising

# Service Before Self

## D-M airmen show 'all the right moves,' then some giving back to community

Story and photos by Angie Erickson  
Public affairs

"We couldn't have this big of a team without them," Coach Mike McKinney said, referring to his three Davis-Monthan Air Force Base volunteer assistant coaches.

Each week, Jake Tenney, Jason Corradi and Peles Sanchez volunteer more than 20 hours to making a difference in the lives of Santa Rita High School wrestlers.

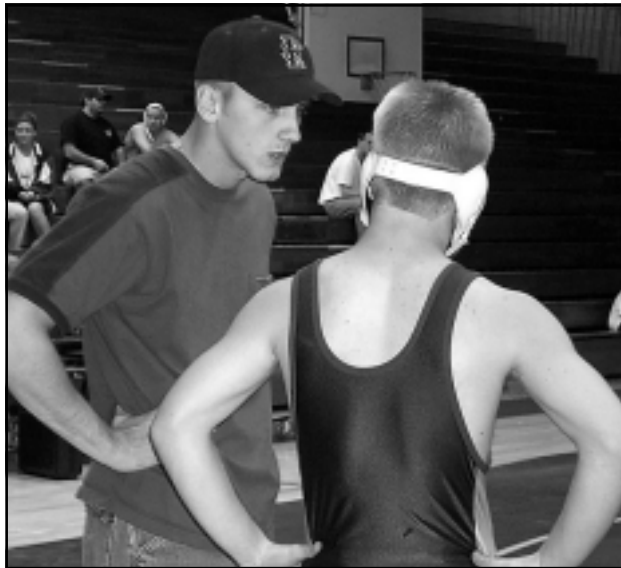
"They are not only providing outstanding community service, but they are mentoring and teaching these kids that there is life after high school."

The Eagle team has nearly doubled in size since last year, having more than 50 wrestlers. "As volunteers, we are able to give more one on one attention," said Tenney a 355th Civil Engineering electrician. In his second year of volunteering with the team, Tenney says he has seen tremendous results.

"Last year, the kids were shy and timid, but this year they are winning matches. But it's not about winning, it's about love for the sport." Wrestling even before junior high, Tenney says he enjoys sharing his Pennsylvania techniques.

"The kids are coming to me and asking me for my advice. I see their confidence building, and I feel gratification that you can't buy."

Corradi, a 355th Communications Squadron graphic artist, agrees. "It is a great feeling knowing that you are touching the lives of others. I am helping to



Jason Corradi gives a pep talk to a Santa Rita High School wrestler during a meet. Corradi is one of three Air Force volunteers who have enhanced the Santa Rita Wrestling Program.

instill discipline, create sportsmanship and show what Ohio wrestling is all about," he said with a grin.

However, he says there are plenty of opportunities to truly mentor these young men about their future.

"I tell them how important their grades are so that they can have more opportunities waiting for them after high school, and of course I actively recruit them for the Air Force."

Likewise Tenney and counterpart Sanchez get their recruiting time in.

"It is an excellent time to talk to them

about the military and reflect military bearing. We show the kids that we are accountable and dedicated," said Tenney referring to the hours spent attending practices and meets.

"In return, we hope that they will show their dedication to the team, and of course weigh the military as an option after graduation."

Perhaps one of those opportunities might be to wrestle for the Air Force?

While Tenney says that would be a dream come true, Sanchez, has had that opportunity while stationed at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"I love the sport, and having been on the Air Force wrestling team, I have been fortunate to have competed among the best."

However, the medical technician from the 355th Medical Group, says he equally enjoys being a volunteer.

"I am able to share my love of the sport and give back to the community."

The wrestling season began in November and will run through February.

While it may seem like a lot to ask of these volunteers, not one of them had anything else to say except that their love for the sport would carry them through.

From high school lettermen, to the Air Force and now as volunteers they have shown that they know how to make all the right moves and then some.

To be apart of this volunteer opportunity, call Tenney at 8-4266, Corradi at 8-3510 or Sanchez at 8-2810.

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### Military marathon discounts

Officials at the Tucson Marathon, Half Marathon and Marathon Relay are offering military discounts to interested participants. The event is Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and starts in the town of Oracle. The finish line is at the Sheraton El Conquistador in Oro Valley. Military discounts apply to both individuals and teams, and there is also a discount offered for military for the pasta dinner the evening before the race. More information is available at [www.tucsonmarathon.com](http://www.tucsonmarathon.com), or call the hotline at 320-0667. A marathon expo will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the El Conquistador.

### Football Frenzy Mondays

Football Frenzy is every Monday at the Desert Oasis Club. Fans are invited to the club every Monday for NFL football, snacks, pizza, wings and beverage specials. Valuable local prizes will be given away every week.

Members and their guests can win mini

footballs, sports bags and pullovers and a \$150 MasterCard gift card. National prize winners go to the San Francisco-San Diego game, Dec. 3, the Tampa Super Bowl, Jan. 28, and the Honolulu Pro Bowl, Feb. 4.

### Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week. Call 8-3714 for more information.

**Monday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:20 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

**Tuesday** - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

**Wednesday** - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick box (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing beginners (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing advanced (Basheera)

**Thursday** - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Marie); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Idris)

**Friday** - 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

**Saturday** - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne)

### Basketball clinics

Basketball clinics, conducted by the youth center, will help young players get ready for the upcoming youth basketball season. A three-Saturday clinic gets underway Saturday, and continues Dec. 9 and 16. Sessions are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. (ages 5 through 8), and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (ages 9 through 15). The cost for three days is \$5. Another three-day clinic, for ages 9 and up, is 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 27 through 29. The three-day cost is \$15. D-M's 10-week youth basketball season begins Jan. 20. Games are Saturdays, at the youth center gym. Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information





## Chapel events

### Protestant schedule

**Today:** Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

**Saturday:** Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

**Sunday:** Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

**Tuesday:** Ladies Bible Studies: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., (nursery provided), Chapel 1, or 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., Chapel 1; Singles Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220; Bible Study for Moms, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Chapel 1.

**Wednesday:** Mid-week Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Promise Keepers Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron conference room in Building 4810; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.; Angel Bible Study and choir, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 classrooms.

### Catholic schedule

**Saturday:** Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1.

**Monday through Friday:** Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

**Wednesday:** Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1. For more information, go to [www.dm.af.mil/chapel](http://www.dm.af.mil/chapel).

### Islamic schedule

**Today:** Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.



## On-base clubs

### Officers' Club

**Today:** Evening dining is cancelled.

**Saturday:** Evening dining is cancelled. Barbershop is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday:** Sunday Brunch is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; adults, \$13.95.

**Monday:** Club closes at 2 p.m.; barbershop is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Prime rib for two is \$9.95.

**Wednesday:** Two-for-one Steaks, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Thursday:** Two-for-one Fajita dinners, \$11.95.

### Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

**Today:** Evening dining is cancelled. Catfish buffet is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday:** Barbershop is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday:** Club is closed; Cabana is open.

**Monday:** Football Frenzy at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday:** BBQ Buffet is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bingo games begin at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Call Wendy to book a holiday party, 748-8666.

**Thursday:** Lunch is Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



## Youth programs

**Today:** Youth basketball practice starts soon, call 8-8373.

**Saturday:** Basketball clinic, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at youth center.

**Monday:** Gymnastics classes at the youth center, call 8-8844.

**Wednesday:** Primary holiday movie and pizza, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at youth center. Teen foosball tournament, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at youth center.

**Thursday:** Teen/preteen arts and crafts, 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center.



## Community events

**Today:** Tennis courts closed through January.

**Saturday:** Outdoor recreation horseback ride, call 8-3736.

**Sunday:** Skeet and trap ranges open week-ends at 8 a.m.

**Monday:** Rent a Santa suit from outdoor recreation, call 8-3736. Pet food drive at the veterinary clinic, call 8-3529.

**Tuesday:** Toastmasters meet at the library at 11:30 a.m., call 8-4381.

**Wednesday:** Ship UPS from the skills center, call 8-4385.

### See Winterhaven

There are two ways to see the Winterhaven festival of lights this month. A horsedrawn hayride is set for Dec. 16. Cost for the evening is \$15 a person. Participants can also walk through Dec. 19. Transportation is \$3 per person. For more than 50 years, residents of the area have decorated their homes, yards and streets with elaborate lighting and displays. More than 250,000 visitors see Winterhaven every year. Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736 for more information, or come to Building 4430.

### Pet food drive

Bring pet food to the veterinary clinic for the 8th Annual Good Samaritan Pet Food Drive, sponsored by the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association and Community Food Bank. The final day of the drive is Dec. 15. Come to Building 2712, weekdays, or call 8-3529.

### Horseback trail ride

Join the outdoor recreation center Saturday for a two-hour horseback ride from the Fort Huachuca stables. Children age 7 and up can participate; those under 18 must be with an adult. Transportation and the two-hour guided ride cost \$25 a person. Call 8-3736, or come to Building 4430 to register.

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Santa suits

D-M's outdoor recreation center has Santa suits for rent. Complete outfits can be rented for just \$25 per day. Early reservations are needed. Reserve a Santa suit by calling 8-3736, or come to Building 4430.

Shopping trips

Information, Tickets & Tours has two out-of-town shopping trips coming up soon to Nogales and Arizona Mills. Shop Nogales Dec. 9. Hundreds of stores and shops in Nogales sell traditional and unique Mexican items. Shoppers will spend about four hours in Nogales. The next trip, Dec. 16, will be an all-day trip to Arizona Mills, near Phoenix. Arizona Mills is a mix of nearly 200 off-price and specialty retailers, restaurants, a food court, theaters, and other entertainment locations. Cost for either trip is \$10 a person. Contact ITT at 8-3700, or visit Building 4430.

Explore Peppersauce Cave

Explore Peppersauce Cave with the outdoor recreation center, Dec. 9. The unimproved cavern, near Oracle on the north side of the Catalina Mountains, can best be seen while climbing and on hands and knees. Appropriate dress is recommended. Bring lunch, beverage and a flashlight. A cost of \$10 a person is for transportation and headlamp. Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736.

Children's story hour

Children's story hour will be 10 to 11 a.m. at the base library every Thursday. Story teller, Noreen Jasper will read stories and conduct craft activities for preschool-age children. Call the library at 8-4381 for more information.



Family support

- Monday:** Financial Briefing, 8 to 11 a.m., Building 3200, Room 267.
- Tuesday:** Resume Workshop, 8 to 10 a.m., Building 3200, Room 266; Time for Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.
- Wednesday:** Smooth Move, 8 to 11 a.m., Building 3200, Room 266.
- Thursday:** VA Benefit Briefing, 9 a.m. to noon, Building 3200, Room 267; Fun Time, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Baby basics

The next baby basics program for expectant mothers in their third trimester begins Dec. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. at Chapel 1. Pat Boyd, registered nurse, presents this session. Boyd will provide information on basic infant care, growth and development. For questions or to sign up, call 8-5690.

Hearts Apart Christmas party

The Christmas Hearts Apart party will be Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the family support center, Building 3210. To make reservations, call 8-5690.

Interviewing workshop

Attend the interviewing workshop Dec. 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. to help prepare for the job interview, at the community center, Building 4201. For more information or reservations, call 8-5690.

Time for Tots

Time for tots is a weekly playgroup open to parents and children ages 4 and younger. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Smooth move seminar

The family support center will conduct its next smooth move briefing Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the community center, Building 4201. This briefing will cover many topics related to making a permanent change of station move. This briefing is open to military members, Department of Defense employees, and their spouses. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

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## Resume workshop

Attend the resume workshop Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. to help prepare that eye-catching resume. For reservations call 8-5690.

## VA benefit briefing

Individuals who are 180 days from separating or retiring should attend one of the monthly transition assistance program seminars and receive the veterans affairs briefing on loans, education, and disability benefits. The family support center conducts an extra Veterans Affairs benefit briefing each month for members who are unable to attend the primary one. The next briefing is Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon, community center, Building 4201. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

## Give Parents a Break

The next "Give Parents a Break" program is scheduled for Dec. 9 through 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. This program offers free childcare to active duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours. Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. For more information or a referral, call 8-5690.

## Sponsor training

The family support center conducts its next sponsorship class Dec. 13 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the community center. This mandatory one-hour class for new sponsors covers effective sponsorship and offers useful products and information for sponsors, unit Right Start/INTRO monitors and alternates. This is an excellent training for sponsors to help new members and their families move to base. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690.

## Right Start orientation

Right Start is a base program, which is designed to welcome all newcomers, military, DoD civilian, and their spouses. Attendees will learn about what D-M and the city of Tucson have to offer. Sign up to attend by calling the INTRO Office at 8-3076/4478. Right Start will

be conducted on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at the community center, Building 4201, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Medical Right Start program begins from 1 to 4 p.m. For additional information, please contact the family support center at 8-5690.



## Education services

### New certification program

Beginning in January, Troy State University is offering a computer certification program from Enterprise Solutions for mid- or upper-level managers who hire, evaluate or monitor the progress of computer programmers, web page designers or systems analysts. The program provides hands-on experience that gives personal insight into the time, effort and budget realities that drive information systems technology. It will enable graduates to better manage information technology needs and the workforce that provides for those needs. Managers can enroll in the certificate program without being enrolled in a degree program. Register before Jan 8 2001. For more information, contact the TSU office at 748-2625.

### Incentive for new students

New students starting a graduate program in January with Troy State University will receive a waiver on the \$50 application fee. Early registration for Term III of the 2000/01 school year is presently underway in Room 256, Building 3200. Programs available are Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Management and Executive Master of Business Administration. In addition, a new computer certification program, Enterprise Solutions, will begin in January. For additional information, call 748-2625 or email [tsudmafb@flash.net](mailto:tsudmafb@flash.net)

### University of Arizona

Judy Seger will provide academic counseling Monday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 262 for students interested in attending

the University of Arizona. Call Seger at 626-8201, between 2 and 7 p.m. for an appointment.

### Limited service

The Education Office will provide limited services now through Monday due to carpet work. The staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Call Marie Hanna at 8-3812 if you have any questions or concerns.

### Commissioning board dates

The following are the board dates for the different commissioning programs:

**OTS dates:** Jan. 9 through 12, 2001  
Feb. 20 through 23, 2001  
Apr. 3 through 6, 2001

**OTS package to Education Office:**  
Dec. 5  
Jan. 16, 2001  
Feb. 27, 2001

**AECP dates:** Jan. 15, 2001 (AFIT)

**AECP package to Education Office:** Jan. 2

**ROTC dates:** Mar. 15, 2001

**ROTC package to Education Office:** Feb. 15

**AF Academy dates:** Jan. 31

**AF Academy package to Education Office:**  
Jan. 22

Contact Phil King at 8-4249 or Wes Flannigan at 8-5191 for an application package and submission procedures.

### Park University registration

Park University's Spring I term begins on Jan. 8, 2001. Registration for on-site classes will begin Monday. Registration for internet classes begins on Dec. 11. On-site registration forms and payment need to be in the university's office no later than the Friday before the term starts to avoid the \$20 late fee, which will be charged to all students who come in to register during the add/drop period. For internet registration, payment has to be made at the time of registration. Call 748-8266 for more information.

### Park University

Park University offers tuition assistance, veteran benefits and financial aid to assist students with their educational goals. Forms are available at the Park University office. For more information, call 748-8266.

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## Other agencies

### Operation Dear Abby

Anyone who is interested in spreading goodwill and cheer to military men and women around the world this holiday season can do so through "Operation Dear Abby" now through Jan. 15, 2001. To ensure mail is received within the required time frame and adheres to the Department of Defense security guidelines, mail must be limited to first-class letter mail weighing 13 ounces or less. When sending mail to a specific location, people are asked to address it to the closest geographic hub, which will distribute the mail to all services in the area that it supports. The following are this year's address:

EUROPE AND SOUTHWEST ASIA  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AE 09135

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AE 09646

FAR EAST  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
APO AP 96285

PACIFIC BASIN  
Any Service Member  
OPERATION DEAR ABBY  
FPO AP 96385

Operation Dear Abby is a program that began 16 years ago by Abigail Van Buren--known through her nationally syndicated column "Dear Abby." For more information, call the 355th Public Affairs office at 8-3204.

### Vacation at Vandenberg AFB

Vacation At Vandenberg Air Force Base in December. Active duty military, DOD civilians on leave, and retired military can make reservations now for today through Jan. 4 at Vandenberg Lodge, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for a wonderful winter break. Prices are: \$21.50 per couple per night. Book now—you can reserve up to seven days in our quality lodging facilities. The lodge have a host of exciting things to do at this breathtaking spot on the California coast. E mail Sheila Carroll at [sheila.carroll@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:sheila.carroll@vandenberg.af.mil), for a preview of your winter sojourn. Make reservations by calling DSN: 276-1844, or commercial: (805) 734-1111.

### Stay in Tucson for the holidays

Starting Dec. 11, accommodations at the Inn on Davis-Monthan can be reserved for the holiday season. Space-available reservations can be made with a major credit card for up to five days, from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3. Call 8-3309 during normal duty hours or 8-3230 (Ext. 0) at all other times.

### Entertainment book

The new Entertainment book is on sale now at Information, Tickets & Tours. Two-for-one coupons are good at hundreds of local restaurants and fast-food locations, and other coupons offer discounts on travel, hotels, car rentals and other goods and services. Entertainment 2001 books cost \$35, and are valid through Nov. 1. Buy yours at ITT, in Building 4430, or call 8-3700.

### Santas in Blue needs donations

Santas in Blue needs donations of toys and bicycles by Tuesday to support its gift-giving program for underprivileged Native-American children at local missions. To sponsor a child contact your unit Santas in Blue representative for a child's name or Staff Sgt. Lori Payton at 8-4305 or Capt. Christopher Parker at

8-9684. The program also needs volunteers to help Santa deliver the gifts to the missions and donations of prepackaged cookies and presweetened Kool-aid for the Santas in Blue parties held at the missions.

### ATM at the Base Exchange

Based on customer requests, there is now an ATM in the BX located adjacent to the cashiers cage. The ATM is provided by the Davis-Monthan Federal Credit Union for customer convenience.

### Vehicle registration/base decals

Effective immediately, all Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members who have a 2000 expiration decal on their vehicle can renew their decals to 2003. Vehicles can be re-registered at pass and registration in Building 3200 and at the visitor center near the Craycroft Road gate. Bring your ID card, drivers license, registration, proof of insurance and current decal number when registering vehicles. Call 8-3224 for more information.

### Thrift Shop is open Saturday

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Consignments will be taken until 11:30 a.m. There will also be a "Bag Sale." Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 3220 on Ironwood across the street from the bowling alley.



## Movie theater

**Today:** The Exorcist, (R), 7 p.m.

**Saturday:** Ladies Man, (R), 7 p.m.

**Sunday:** Lost Souls, (R), 7 p.m.

**Dec. 8:** Meet the Parents, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Dec. 9:** The Little Vampire, (PG), 7 p.m.

**Dec. 10:** Pay It Forward, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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